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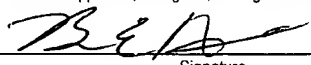
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Application No.: 09/918,117
U.S. Application of: Akira TSUBOUCHI, et al
For: HOLLOW RACK SHAFT
Confirmation No.: 2600
Customer No.: 24731
Docket No.: 18733/00060
Filed: July 30, 2001
Group Art Unit: 3682
Examiner: Bradley J. Van Pelt

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2003, which provides for a response period ending June 18, 2003.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action for two additional months to August 18, 2003, is being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:



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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL AND FEE AUTHORIZATION

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TITLE OF INVENTION: HOLLOW RACK SHAFT			

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PATENT APPLICATION IS:

- ☒ (A) A response to the Office Action dated: March 18, 2003
- ☒ (B) A Petition for Extension of Time
☐ for 1 month ☒ for 2 months ☐ for 3 months;
A Petition for Extension of Time, having been previously filed,
☐ for 1 month ☐ for 2 months ☐ for 3 months
- ☐ (C) A request for approval of proposed drawing changes.
- ☐ (D) A Notice of Appeal. \$
- ☐ (E) An Appellant's Brief on Appeal. \$
- ☒ (F) Other: Terminal Disclaimer. \$110.00
- ☐ (G) A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27
☐ Small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been previously established
- ☐ The claims fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below

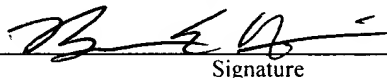
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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL		MINUS		
INDEP.		MINUS		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADD'L FEE
x \$9	\$
x \$42	
+ \$140	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	\$ 0.00

LARGE ENTITY

RATE	ADD'L FEE
x \$18	\$
x \$84	
+ \$280	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	\$ 0.00

OR

- ☒ Please charge \$520.00 to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260, which includes
☐ the amount of \$ for the claims fee calculated above AND/OR
☒ the amount of \$520.00 for the fee for item(s) ☒ (B) ☐ (D) ☐ (E) ☒ (F), *supra*
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this application
to Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.
- ☒ A duplicate copy of this Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is enclosed.

August 13, 2003

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